GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide special financial assistance to set up small pulses processing units in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to decentralize implementation of schemes relating to food processing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) to (d): During 12th Plan, Ministry of Food Processing Industries had launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme - National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP), and the same was implemented through States/UT Governments w.e.f. 1.4.2012. Under the scheme, financial assistance has been provided to eligible food processing industries including small pulses processing units with the pattern of assistance at the rate - 25% of the cost of Plant & machinery and technical civil works, subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas; 33.33% of the cost of Plant & machinery and technical civil works, subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas (i.e. Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep) and Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) areas; and 50% of the cost of Plant & machinery and technical civil works, subject to a maximum of Rs.100 lakhs for North Eastern States including Sikkim. The State-wise details of financial assistance provided to food processing industries including small pulses processing units in the country during the last three years and the current year under the scheme is at Annexure I.

Now, the such scheme has been delinked from the Central Government support with effect from 01.04.2015 in view of increased resource allocation to States resulting from the recommendations of 14th Finance Commission and presently, the scheme is at the disposal of State Governments has been classified in the optional list. However, in case of UT Governments, the above scheme has not been delinked from the Central Government support and is functioning with the following relevant components:
i). Scheme for Technology Up-gradation / Establishment / Modernization of Food Processing Industries.
ii). Scheme for Creating Primary Processing Centres/ Collection Centres in Rural Areas.
iii). Old Food Parks.

Apart from the above, the Ministry is also providing financial assistance to various Food Processing Units including small pulses processing units, as a part of the committed/spillover liabilities of 11th Plan under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries. The state wise details of financial assistance provided to food processing industries including small pulses processing units in the country under this scheme (TUS) is enclosed as Annexure II.
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